

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

APRIL 21, 2020

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 330 N Main Street, Suite 200 Rushville Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brad Berkemeier, Elton Marzon, Mike Daubenspeck, and Aaron Gurley answered roll call. City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse was present via ZOOM.

PUBLIC HEARING ESTABLISHING TRASH FEE CONTINUED: Mayor Pavey reported that we are continuing to take comments and public input regarding the proposed trash fee until the meeting on May 5, 2020. There was a question as to how we will place all of the comments into the public record. Newhouse suggested that we attach a summary of the comments to the minutes of the meeting that we close the public hearing. The public hearing remains open.

MINUTES: Marzon moved to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2020 meeting as presented. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: Copley reported that the SBOA has begun auditing the records for 2019.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Council President Berkemeier said he has been trying to keep up with email responses on trash fees. He has also sent an update on the south side concerns. Mayor Pavey asked if there are any funds available to maintain Waits Avenue. He said any significant rain causes havoc in this particular area. Berkemeier said he was told that the Fraley Wilker water shed has approximately \$3,500.00 in it. He said the maintenance tax is only allowed to build up to a certain amount and if it isn't used then they don't collect that year. Pavey said the heavy rains take the gravel and removes or damages the pavement. Pavey said if we could be reimbursed when we go out and make repairs that would be nice. Berkemeier said he will follow up with that question.

Berkemeier said he received an email from The Children's Bureau stating that they would help with funding for someone struggling.

Berkemeier said the 2 task forces that have been working on the Covid 19 are doing a great job.

Berkemeier said he heard it was Clerk-Treasurer Copley's birthday. Everyone wished Copley a happy birthday.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Stellar Designation** – Pavey said we are working on the last 4 or 5 projects.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – We have pushed out the first couple of concerts to later in the year.
- **APC/BZA** – We are ready for final approval on Wendy's.
- **Housing** – They have shut down for 2 weeks.
- **ECDC** – McCane reported that Honda and Toyota are going back to work May 4. He said that Intat will probably go back then too.

The State will begin rolling out applications for the Cares Act for those that are self-employed.

We are applying for more grant money for our revolving loan program to help small businesses. We are working to see who needs help. Mayor Pavey said Ocra came out with a grant for small businesses with no match. We have applied.

- **Cherry Street Extension** – We are reviewing documentation for construction.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police – Chief Tucker said they are making some small updates to their building. The vehicle that was ordered is ready, but we don't know when we will be able to pick it up due to the Coronavirus.

Park – Director Burklow said they have been mowing.

We are waiting on guidance from the Governor and Dr. Daughtery regarding the opening of the pool. There should be an announcement May 4. We have decided not to have summer camp this year.

The labyrinth for the CJD Park is ready and will be shipped next week. The fitness equipment will be here May 21st. Stanley's will pave that area next week.

Fire – Chief Munson reported that the guys are using all of the PPE gear.

We received titles to the 2 ambulances today.

Street – Commissioner Miller reported that they have started picking up yard waste.

Received word from the Army Corp of Engineers that the gauges will need to be inspected. Due to the coronavirus they will allow us to take a picture for the inspection showing that it is working.

We have been very busy at the dump site. Miller handed out a list of expenses we incur every year from Caldwells.

Animal – Director Hanna has gone to have her baby.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Street Light Projects – Change of Ownership** – There has been a change in ownership of one of the properties. We have requested new paperwork from Duke for the new owners.
2. **Annexation Ordinance 2020-9 Tim Yazel** – Berkemeier moved to approve Ordinance 2020-9. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Ordinance 2020-8 Amend Downtown Parking** – On hold.
4. **Rushville Revitalization Program**
 - ***1900 N Main** – 30 days delay;
 - * **Henderson Road Farm Sale** – May 5 bid
5. **Resolution 2020-18 Tax Anticipation Warrant** – Baker Tilly is working on this.
6. **Ordinance 2020-7 Trash Fee/Rate** – Mayor Pavey and Councilman Berkemeier are discussing attachment A.

Pavey asked what type of wording Council wanted on the next utility bill regarding the trash fee. It was noted that we want to make sure we have transparency. It was decided to put the following on the water bill: **The Common Council is proposing a trash fee of \$15.00 per month via Ordinance 2020-7. Public input is due via e-mail citizenfeedback@cityofrushville.in.gov by May 4, 2020.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **City of Rushville Public Giving and Community Improvement Corporation 501.C.3 Appointments to Board of Directors** – Berkemeier and Gurley will contact the top 3.
2. **Ordinance 2020-15 Approving Sec K Central Business District (CBD) Fee-in-lieu of (FILO)** – Bridges moved to approve Ordinance 2020-15. Gurley seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Amended Development Agreement Cormo USA** – McCane presented documentation regarding a lease with Dave Jordan and Cormo to start the first process of their business. The documents included a forgivable loan agreement and promissory note, and a Development Agreement with the City of Rushville Redevelopment Commission and the Economic Development Commission and Cormo USA, Inc. After lengthy discussion Council asked for time to review the documentation. Daubenspeck made a motion to table and have a special meeting on April 28th. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Resolution 2020-20 Reduction in Spending (Pool)** – The resolution was tabled until we decide if we will open the pool.
5. **CORONAVIRUS UPDATE** – Mayor Pavey said this affects everything we do. The County is getting ready to start pulling people back to work. Pavey said he is questioning what a return to normal actually looks like.
6. **CLAIMS:** Gurley moved to approve the claims as presented. Marzon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: Berkemeier said Daubenspeck is our representative to the EDC but due to his work schedule he can't attend the meetings. Marzon will serve on EDC to replace Daubenspeck.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Bridges moved to adjourn. Daubenspeck seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.